
MINUTES

Governmental Relations Committee

Meeting of April 3, 2000

**Committee
members present**

Carol Chandler
Monica Lozano
Jeff Marston
Kyhl Smeby
Howard Welinsky
Guillermo Rodriguez, Jr., *ex officio*
Alan S. Arkatov, *ex officio*

Other Commissioners present

Jacqueline Benjamin
Roger Schrimp

**Committee
members absent**

Melinda Wilson, *Chair*
Lance Izumi, *Vice Chair*

~~Call to order~~

In the absence of the committee chair and vice chair, senior committee member Commissioner Marston called the April 3, 2000, Governmental Relations Committee meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. in the Benvenuti Building, 1325 J Street, Room 1840, Sacramento, California.

**Approval
of the minutes**

Commissioner Marston asked for motions to approve the minutes for the committee meetings on February 7 and March 16, 2000. Both motions were made and the committee voted without dissent to approve the respective sets of committee minutes.

**Legislative
Update,
April 2000**

Commissioner Marston called upon staff member Marge Chisholm to present this item.

Ms. Chisholm referred commissioners to the legislative matrix in the agenda that the committee had already formulated at its March meeting, and asked for two changes. In the first change, staff recommended a position of “support if amended” for an important new bill by Senator Burton, SB 1788, which addresses changes in the State Cal Grant Program. She said staff wants to work with the author on amendments.

Commissioner Marston asked for a motion to add SB 1788 to the Commission bill matrix with a position of “support if amended.” A motion was so made, seconded, and passed without dissent.

Ms. Chisholm said the second change recommended by staff was for SB 1564 by Senator Karnette. Ms. Chisholm said this bill addressed the APLE student loan

forgiveness program for teachers and staff recommended changing the Commission position from “watch” to “support.”

There was a general discussion about the APLE program, its current and proposed changes in eligibility for the program. Commissioner Lozano objected to dropping a GPA requirement. Commission staff member Karl Engelbach discussed the APLE provisions in SB 1505, and urged the “support if amended” position on SB 1564. Commissioner Marston recommended a continued position of “watch” this bill. Chair Rodriguez and others suggested gathering more information about program participants before making any changes.

Commissioners inquired about and commented on a variety of other pending bills. Commissioner Schrimp asked about the Commission’s position of “watch” on several community college-related bills. Ms. Chisholm said committee member believe that funding for AB 2496 should come from Proposition 98 funds; AB 2388 is a huge omnibus bill that requires more staff analysis, and that AB 2565 contains some specific language that requires more analysis and discussion; and that staff had worked with the author of AB 252 and believed the bill needs funding in order to work.

Chair Rodriguez asked if a community college representative was at the March committee on pending legislation. Ms. Chisholm said there was not. Commission staff member Cheryl Hickey said the issues were not raised in the Statutory Advisory Committee meeting either. Chair Rodriguez suggested staff work with the community colleges on the bills mentioned

Commissioner Marston asked for a motion to approve the change in the Commission’s position on SB 1564 to “support if amended.” A motion was so made, seconded, and passed without dissent.

Adjournment Having no further business, Commissioner Marston adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.
